U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number

6(a)

Docket Number (Optional) 005222.00184

#4	
124	

200 j	PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF	TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
4	8/	In re Application of Beams, et al.

Application Number 09/934,924 Filed August 22, 2001

For: A System, Method and Article of Manufacture for Creating a Virtual Consultant

Art Unit: 2157 Examiner: Salad

RECEIVED

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

MAR 1 1 2004

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

Technology Center 2100

Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))
Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))
Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))

_	(-)(-)/
	Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))

•		
ъ		
Ψ_		

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown
above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

Payment by credit card	. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
------------------------	------------------------------

The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this
application to a Deposit Account.

\boxtimes	The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required,
	or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the \(\partial\) applicant/inventor.

assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

attorney or agent of record.

	attorney	or	agent	under	37	CFR	1.34(a).
_	•		•				٠,

Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

March 5, 2004 Date

312-463-5000

Kenneth F. Smolik

Telephone Number

Typed or printed name

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below

forms are submitted.

EV 306400821 US

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.136(a). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 6 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

09934924 00000150 190733